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OFFICIALS RELAX FIRE RESTRICTIONS IN SELECTED AREAS

Fire restrictions in place throughout much of the state will be rescinded as of 12:01 a.m., September 4, 2003. Recent weather patterns have reduced the threat of wildland fire, so fire officials are rescinding fire restrictions statewide with the exception of the northwestern area that includes Salt Lake, Tooele, Utah, Box Elder, Weber, Cache, Rich, Davis and Morgan Counties.

In these areas where fire restrictions remain in effect, the following activities are prohibited on state, federal and private lands:

- Open fires of any kind, except in facilities provided for them in improved campgrounds, picnic areas, or permanently improved places of habitation. Stoves fueled by petroleum or Liquid Propane are allowed outside designated campgrounds.
- Smoking, except within an enclosed vehicle, camp trailer, building, or developed recreation site, or while in an area at least three feet in diameter cleared to mineral soil.
- Discharging, or using any kind of fireworks, tracer ammunition, or other pyrotechnic device.

"Although recent storm activity allows us to relax fire restrictions in some areas, the fire danger remains very real," said State Forester Joel Frandsen. "We'd like to remind everyone to enjoy their outdoor experience but to continue to use extreme caution in all activities."

Fire restriction orders for Northern Utah remain in effect until rescinded and do not apply to incorporated cities and towns.

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